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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Yasuo Kobayashi ) Group Art Unit: 3749  
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Application No.: 09/655,787 ) Examiner: K. Rinehart  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**


Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of November 14, 2003. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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